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The agenda and supporting materials for the first of our two March meetings is attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting. As a reminder, we will also meet on March 29-30.

Report to Legislature on Delta Plan Adoption (Agenda Item 4c)

At this meeting, we will share a draft of the report to the Legislature about the Delta plan's adoption that we are making pursuant to Water Code Section 85300(e). The Delta Reform Act requires that the Delta Stewardship Council report to the Legislature no later than March 31, 2012 as to its adoption of the Delta Plan. We will brief the Council on the report that staff has drafted. In the document we note that producing the Delta Plan (Plan) and the programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has taken longer than expected and, as a result, the Council estimates publishing the Plan in May, 2012 and certifying the EIR in June, 2012. Stakeholders have been largely supportive of the delay, which will allow the Council to adequately consider comments on the EIR and prepare subsequent drafts of the Plan for additional public review.

Reports from State Agencies We will receive reports from two State agencies about their recent activities in the Delta. I expect the Council will spend Thursday morning discussing these reports.

- **Report from Delta Watermaster** (Agenda Item 6a) Craig Wilson, the Delta Watermaster, will brief the Council on a report entitled: *Water Right Compliance and Enforcement in the Delta*. The California Water Code directs the Delta Watermaster to submit regular reports to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and to the Council on water issues. Mr. Wilson recently drafted the report, which focuses on the State Water Board's responsibility to enforce water rights and to prevent unauthorized diversions of water in the state of California. He presented it to the SWRCB on February 7, 2012. He will brief the Council on this report and engage in a discussion with Council members.

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– CA Water Code §85054

- **Department of Water Resources Levees Program** (Agenda Item 6b) As we discussed at our February meeting, DWR has sent the DSC 95 maps detailing current basic Delta levee conditions. They are posted on the DSC website at this web address: <http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-maps>. The maps include two Delta-wide maps; one depicting those islands whose levees meet the HMP (Hazard Mitigation Plan) guidance criteria, and another depicting those islands whose levees meet the PL 84-99 (Public Law 84-99) standard. Below those two maps are individual maps of the 93 islands that comprise the Delta. Each map denotes the extent to which those islands meet or do not meet their respective levee criteria. DWR staff will be on hand to brief the Council and offer a better understanding on how to interpret the data.

Delta Plan Comments and Potential Responses The rest of the day and a good portion of Friday will be dedicated to discussing the development of the 6th staff draft of the Delta Plan.

Public Comment Time for public comment on all agenda items will also be available on both days.

The March 15-16 meeting will be in the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or jgrindstaff@deltacouncil.ca.gov

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